Our Mission Statement

The Department's mission is to lead the nation in fostering healthy, self-reliant individuals and families.

Our mission statement briefly describes the purpose of our Department. It is supported by a set of outcome values and a set of operational values. These guiding values describe deeply held beliefs that our Department will use to produce consistency of behavior and decisions.

We are committed to successful methods that:

Promote independence;

Strengthen families;

Encourage healthy behaviors;

Promote individual and community responsibility;

Provide services of value to taxpayers;

Protect vulnerable children, adults and families; and

Prevent individual and social problems.

In carrying out our mission, we will:

Promote a workplace where people count;

Treat others fairly and with respect;

Focus on the needs of our customers;

Encourage innovation, creativity and critical thinking;

Value diversity;

Manage public resources responsibly;

Reward excellence and value to the organization;

Demonstrate integrity and commitment in all actions; and

Encourage collaboration with departmental colleagues and external partners.